

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

11. (Twice Amended) A method of producing a tablet including live bacteria comprising the steps:

- a) mixing at least one strain of said live bacteria with at least one fructose oligosaccharide to form a mixture,
- b) pressing said mixture into a tablet employing a force sufficient to form said tablet having a friability of between 0.1 and 1.0 while maintaining at least about 60% viability of said bacteria following the compression.